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of Finance of the Federal Government. He later replaced Neskovic as president of the Government of Serbia and at the same time, became a member of the Praesidium of Yugoslavia.

5. At the congress of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia which was held in July 1948, Stambolic was elected a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia. Until that time his most important function had been as a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Serbia. With the exception of Dr. Blagoje Neskovic he is today the most influential Communist political personality in Serbia.

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